



**Event:** Historic Resources and Museum Advisory Board (HRMAB) Meeting

**Details:** Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 6:00PM; Mordecai Visitor Center

**Attendance:**

**HRM Board:** Ed Morris, Fred Belledin, Steve Rabin, Jannette Coleridge-Taylor, Holmes Harden, Alicia McGill, Esther Hall, Barbara Freedman, Joe Mobley, Jennifer Wagner

**Staff:** Troy Burton, Stacie Perryman, Ainsley Powell, Jenna Kostka, Marvin Howell, Kathryn Neuhart, Megan Raby, Celeste Sherer

**Community Members:**

**Excused Absent:**

**HRM Advisory Board:** Tom Ward, Sam Mordecai, Clare Bass

**Call to Order, Welcome and Public Comment, Ed Morris:**

HRMAB Chair, Ed Morris, called the meeting to order at 6:03pm and opened the floor for public comment.

**1. Approval of Minutes:**

Mr. Morris asked the Board to review the draft minutes from Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Mr. Rabin motioned to approve the minutes. Ms. McGill seconded, and the minutes were approved by acclamation.

**2. HRM Program Report:**

Museums, Megan Raby:

Ms. Raby stated that February was a good month for the museums.

On Saturday February 3<sup>rd</sup>, COR Museum hosted their first *Black History Symposium*. The event attracted over 130 visitors. There were speakers from Delta Sigma Theta sorority, St. Ambrose Episcopal Church, and NCSU.

Staff are working on planning events for The Pope House.

Upcoming events in April:

- April 6<sup>th</sup> - NC State University presents *DIY Cartography* at the museum. The exhibit explores diverse historical perspectives on placemaking by connecting citizens to a deeper understanding of Raleigh and its urban

environments. This project offers alternative methods to visualize, capture and integrate contemporary and historic voices into a rich discourse on community, culture and urban redevelopment.

- April 14<sup>th</sup> - There will be a special walking tour called *Civil War Walking Tour "Between Heaven and Hell: Raleigh and the End of the Civil War"* through Downtown Raleigh. Join Ernest Dollar as he uses letters, diaries, and photographs to reveal life in Raleigh the end of the Civil War.
- April 21<sup>st</sup> The Friends of the City Museum will host their annual fundraiser event called *Time Warp*. This year theme is 1970s.

Ms. Hall asked how is Yoga going on at the museum. Ms. Raby replied that it is going well and that Yoga classes will resume in May.

Ms. Coleridge-Taylor asked about the Landscape Plan for the Pope House. Mr. Burton replied that the RFQ's are out right now for the Landscape Master Plan for the Pope House, Borden Building, and Tucker House.

Mr. Rabin mentioned that on April 6<sup>th</sup> at the North Carolina Museum of History will be celebrating Tartan Day.

Mr. Morris asked about attendance for the Museum's *Walking Tours*. Ms. Raby replied 2 to 10 people in the winter months. She's hoping in the warmer months more people will attend.

Ms. Freedman asked how long are the tours. Ms. Raby replied the tours are about one hour long and about a mile long.

#### Historic Attractions, Marvin Howell:

Mr. Howell reported lower February attendance due to annual maintenance on the Train and Kiddie Boats.

Coming up in April is the *Dinner and Movie Series*:

- April 6<sup>th</sup>: "Little League to Big League"
- April 13<sup>th</sup>: "If Pigs Could Talk"
- April 20<sup>th</sup>: "Recycling Robots"
- April 27<sup>th</sup>: "What Goes \_\_\_\_ Must Come Down"

March events were successful:

- Annual *Egg Hunt*
- *Pirates vs Leprechauns*
- *Teen Egg-Treme Egg Hunt*

At the end of April, the Wake County Public School System hosts their annual event *Letterland*. *Letterland* brings letters to life by turning them into colorful characters, each with their own personality, and stories that go along with their sound.

Staff are looking at different PA systems to put outside of John Chavis Memorial Carousel to play music and Pullen Place Café so people can hear their name called when their food is ready.

#### Historic Sites, Celeste Sherer:

Ms. Sherer reported February attendance was comparable to previous years.

In honor of Black History Month, there was a special tour called *Unveiling: Untold stories of Untold Spaces*. The tour gave visitors the opportunity to travel into untold spaces around the park that are not typically available on the regular house and ground tours.

The *Mordecai Egg Hunt* was successful with 300 participants.

April events coming up:

- *Escape to Freedom*- April 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>; 6:30pm, 7pm, and 9pm
- *HRM Volunteer Banquet*- April 26<sup>th</sup> 6pm
- *Plant Sale*- April 28<sup>th</sup> 8am

#### Moore Square, Jenna Kostka:

Ms. Kostka stated that the new Assistant Director of Moore Square will start April 9<sup>th</sup>.

Construction is going well.

Raleigh Slabs is going to build a desk for Moore Square from some of the trees that were cut down.

#### HRM Administration, Troy Burton:

Mr. Burton stated that the RFP's for the Moore Square Exhibit and Design deadline was today.

HRM Strategic Plan:

- This past Monday there was a staff workshop with HR&A.
- HR&A is working with staff to prepare a draft recommendation report.
- The report timeline is longer due to extra time committed to public surveys for responses.
- Once a draft report is produced, there will be public meetings to review and receive input.

*HRM Community Day* is April 28<sup>th</sup> and each site will hold an event:

- Borden Building- Capital City Camera Club exhibit preview with curator
- Latta House & University Site - *Heritage Day* - Speakers, music, and refreshments
- Pullen Park Amusements- *Letterland*

- John Chavis Memorial Park Amusements- Ride one of the NC's most historic attractions
- Tucker House- dedicate Tucker chandelier, pop up dog park
- City of Raleigh Museum- Open for viewing all day and historic walking tour
- Pope House- Tour the historic home of Dr. Manassa Pope
- Mordecai Historic Park- Annual *Mordecai Plant Sale*

### **3. Chairs Report, Ed Morris:**

Mr. Morris mentioned that staff have been working with the consultant group with the HRM Plan, and it is moving along.

Mr. Morris asked the board to mark their calendars for *HRM Community Day* on April 28<sup>th</sup> as well as the HRM Program Volunteer Banquet on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **4. Old Business:**

#### **2018 HRM Strategic Plan, Troy Burton**

Ms. McGill asked how the consultant team would be involved in the HRM Plan activation process. Mr. Burton replied they will have no part. The consultant's role is to produce a strategic plan and their work is finished once City Council adopts the plan.

Ms. McGill asked what the consultant's involvement would be on *HRM Community Day*. Mr. Burton replied at least one person from their team will be at Latta House and/or possibly at another location.

#### **Collections Plan, Ainsley Powell**

- The Collection Committee asked for board comments.
- Ms. Freedman asked that the Tucker House section include a statement about the Tucker House being moved.
- Mr. Belledin asked the scope of Section 3-a-2-ii to be broadened to allow curatorial discretion for collecting and not limited to items expressly identified in the plan.
- Please send any other corrections or comments to Ms. Powell.
- Mr. Morris tabled a vote on the HRM Collection Plan to the April board meeting due to further corrections and comments.

### **5. New Business:**

- Mr. Belledin encouraged everyone to take the FY19 Resident Budget Survey on the City of Raleigh website.

- Mr. Burton asked the HRMAB if they received the Board Survey. The board members responded they did.

## 6. Committee Reports

- a) **Collections Committee, Ainsley Powell:** The next committee meeting will be on Monday April 2<sup>nd</sup> at the City of Raleigh Museum. There will be twelve different collections to discuss.
- b) **Community Engagement Committee, Jannette Coleridge-Taylor:** The committee discussed the *HRM Volunteer Banquet*. The committee reviewed award nominations and selected recipients. The evite for the *HRM Volunteer Banquet* went out today.
- c) **Nominating Committee, Barbara Freedman:** Ms. Freedman mentioned that she needed suggestions for new board members. Mr. Morris appointed Ms. Hall and Ms. McGill to the nominating committee.
- d) **Program/Exhibits Committee, Alicia McGill:** The committee continued brainstorming ideas for a program event at the Latta House and University Site. The event will be held on September 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10am-2pm. There was one exhibit proposal to review and provide recommendations. This was a proposed exhibit for St. Ambrose Church at COR Museum.
- e) **Executive Committee, Ed Morris:** The committee reviewed February minutes, planned the meeting agenda, and discussed the HRM Collection Plan.

## 7. Friends of the COR Museum, Barbara Freedman:

Ms. Freedman stated that The Friends of the COR Museum are doing a terrific job getting silent auction items as well as donations for *Time Warp*.

## 8. PRGAB Report, Jennifer Wagner

- The PRGAB reviewed the Devereux Meadow Project. The project is conducted in multiple phases, beginning with an environmental site analysis and site evaluation.
- The PRGAB approved the Brentwood Park Masterplan. The masterplan will be on the April 17<sup>th</sup> City Council agenda.
- The PRGAB bi-annual retreat will be in July or August.
- April 25<sup>th</sup> is the Fred Fletcher Outstanding Volunteer Awards at 7pm

Mr. Morris asked the board to move the next HRMAB meeting in April to 5:30pm instead of 6pm due to the Fletcher Awards. Ms. Hall made a motion to move the meeting time, Ms. Freedman seconded. The motion passed.

<b>9. Upcoming Events</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
<i>DIY Cartography</i>	4/6	6pm-9pm	COR Museum
<i>Historic Fayetteville Walking Tour</i>	4/7; 4/14 4/17; 4/28	2pm	COR Museum
<i>Civil War Walking Tour</i>	4/14	11am-12pm	COR Museum
<i>Time Warp 2018</i>	4/21	7pm-10pm	COR Museum
<i>Escape to Freedom</i>	4/7; 4/8	6:30pm, 7pm 9pm	Mordecai
<i>Annual Plan Sale</i>	4/28	8am	Mordecai
<i>Capital City Camera Club Exhibit Opening</i>	4/29		Borden Building
<i>Dinner and a Movie</i>	4/6; 4/13 4/16; 4/27	7pm	Pullen Park Amusements
<i>Letterland</i>	4/28	10am-4pm	Pullen Park Amusements

<b>10. Committee Meeting Reminders</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Collections Committee	Mon. 4/2	3:00pm	<b>COR Museum</b>
Community Engagement	Tues. 4/10	5:00pm	<b>Tucker House</b>
Nominating Committee	TBD		<b>TBD</b>
Program and Exhibit Committee	Mon. 4/9	6:00pm	<b>COR Museum</b>
Executive Committee	Wed. 4/20	8:30am	<b>Tucker House</b>
<b>Monthly HRMAB Meeting</b>	Wed. 4/25	6:00pm	<b>Mordecai Visitors Center</b>

*\* All meetings of HRMAB Committees are open to the public.*

## **11. Adjournment, Mr. Morris:**

Mr. Morris asked if there were any questions or comments before closing.

Mr. Morris adjourned the meeting at 7:13pm.